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2. SUMMARY: U/SYG GHAREKHAN ADDRESSED SC MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS ABOUT RWANDA. DISCUSSION INCLUDED APPROPRIATE JUDICIAL APPROACH TO ETHNIC ATTACKS (NATIONAL VS INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL), RESPONSE TO THE CONTINUED HATE/SCARE BROADCASTS INSTIGATED BY THE FORMER GOVERNMENT, AND OTHER MEASURES DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE REFUGEES TO RETURN TO RWANDA. SEVERAL SC MEMBERS EMPHASIZED THAT AN APPROPRIATE AND MEASURED JUDICIAL RESPONSE TO WAR CRIMES PROSECUTION WILL BE A KEY ELEMENT INFLUENCING THE RETURN OF REFUGEES. END SUMMARY.

3. WAR CRIMES. DJIBOUTI AND NIGERIA EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT GOR PLANS FOR NATIONAL PROSECUTION OF SUSPECTED WAR CRIMINALS. FURTHERMORE, THE FACT THAT THE GOR INTENDS TO PURSUE JUSTICE THROUGH THE MILITARY RATHER THAN THE CIVILIAN SYSTEM IS NOT REASSURING AND IS ONLY  
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LIKELY TO IMPEDE THE RETURN OF REFUGEES. NEW ZEALAND CONCURRED AND NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY HARD TO REESTABLISH AN IMPARTIAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN RWANDA. CHINA ALSO NOTED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL WAS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION BUT THAT THE UN MUST BE SENSITIVE TO NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND THE JURISDICTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA OVER ITS AFFAIRS.

4. GHAREKHAN NOTED THAT THE GOR DOES SUPPORT THE IDEA OF AN INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL (A LA YUGOSLAVIA) AND WILL ALSO BE WILLING TO ACCEPT HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS IN RWANDA TO REASSURE REFUGEES THAT IT IS SAFE TO RETURN HOME. DJIBOUTI NOTED THAT NUMBERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS EFFECTIVE ENOUGH TO GENERATE CONFIDENCE AMONG REFUGEES WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE IN THE HUNDREDS AND NOT JUST A DOZEN OR SO. GHAREKHAN NOTED THAT THE UN WILL RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION ON THE ISSUE OF THE GOR'S RECEPTIVITY TO AN INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL AS WELL AS OTHER ISSUES RELATING TO THE RETURN OF REFUGEES FROM SRSG KHAN.

5. THE UK THOUGHT THAT THE GOR HAD INITIALLY MADE REASSURING STATEMENTS ABOUT ITS TREATMENT OF ETHNIC ISSUES BUT NOW SEEMED TO HAVE BACKTRACKED. THE UK THEN

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NOTED THAT THE UN SYG WAS DUE TO REPORT TO THE SC ON 9 AUGUST. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE SC USE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO ISSUE A STATEMENT ENCOURAGING APPROPRIATE GOR RESPONSES ON QUESTIONS OF ETHNICITY, PROSECUTION OF WAR CRIMINALS, HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, ETC.

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6. RADIO BROADCASTS. U/SYG GHAREKHAN REPORTED THAT  
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HATE BROADCASTS FROM A HARDLINE HUTU STATION (LOCATION UNKNOWN) CONTINUES TO FEED HYSTERIA IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS AND INHIBIT REPATRIATION EFFORTS. THE UK SUGGESTED THAT THE SECRETARIAT COORDINATE WITH FRENCH FORCES IN RWANDA AS WELL AS ZAIRE TO FIND THE STATION AND BRING IT UNDER CONTROL.

7. A NEW RADIO STATION RUN BY THE UNHCR AND THE SWISS WILL BEGIN BROADCASTING SOON IN THE VICINITY OF THE CAMPS. THE STATION WILL BE USED TO HELP TRACE AND REUNITE FAMILY MEMBERS AS WELL AS INFORM REFUGEES ON HEALTH RISKS AND PROPER PREVENTIVE MEASURES. THE START UP OF THE UNHCR STATION WILL INCLUDE DISTRIBUTION OF SOME RADIOS WITHIN THE CAMPS.

8. OTHER ISSUES. GHAREKHAN REPORTED THAT THE GOR WILL NO LONGER USE ID CARDS THAT IDENTIFY ETHNIC ORIGIN. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE RPF STILL HAS ROADBLOCKS IN KIGALI. HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS ARE BEING COORDINATED BY THE UN AND NGO'S. GHAREKAN COULD OFFER NO CONFIRMATION OR RUMORS THAT THE RPF MIGHT ATTACK THE PROTECTED ZONE CURRENTLY UNDER FRENCH CONTROL.

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9. GHAREKHAN REPORTED THAT IN GOMA ZAIRIAN SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN ORDERED BY PRESIDENT MOBUTU TO SEPARATE RWANDAN SOLDIERS FROM THE REFUGEES. MOBUTU ALSO TOLD THE NEW PRESIDENT OF RWANDA THAT ALL OF THE RWANDAN SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN DISARMED AND THAT TANKS AND HEAVY WEAPONS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE NEW GOR. THE GOZ IS ALSO WORKING TO IMPROVE SECURITY AT THE GOMA AIRPORT TO PREVENT LOOTING.

10. CHINA STATED THAT IT IS OFFERING BILATERAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE GOR.

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